OLR Bill Analysis sSB 489

AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF AN INTIMATE IMAGE OF ANOTHER PERSON.

SUMMARY:

This bill creates a new crime to punish someone who:

1. electronically disseminates certain photos, film, videos, or other recorded images of a person without consent and

2. does so intending to harass, annoy, alarm, or terrorize the person.

Under the bill, the disseminated image must be of the (1) other person engaged in sexual intercourse or (2) other person's genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or, if a female, breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any portion below the top of the nipple. But the bill does not apply to an image if the person (1) voluntarily exposed himself or herself in a public or commercial setting or (2) is not clearly identifiable.

The bill makes this conduct a class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 39 Nay 1 (04/02/2014)